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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 03/15/13 at 4:00 p.m.
Location of Incident: Orchard St. in Soquel
Case Number: 13-01028
Type of Incident: Arrest of Soquel Tire Slashing Suspects
Suspect(s): Male, Age 16, Soquel residence, Wagner Cottage School
Male, Age 15, Soquel residence, Soquel High School
Photo(s) Available: No

Description of Incident:

On 3/15/13, Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested and charged two male juveniles for assault with a deadly weapon and slashing hundreds of car tires in Soquel. Investigators determined the two male juveniles, both residence of Soquel, were responsible for all 89 counts of vandalism. The two suspects went as far as throwing a large rock from a freeway overpass and striking a vehicle. The driver, an adult female was nearly struck in the head as the rock crashed through her windshield. The driver was traumatized, but luckily uninjured.

The case was made on a culmination of evidence that was collected and examined over the past several weeks. Some items of evidence used were video surveillance; witness statements, social media information, as well as written confessions by each suspect.

A conservative estimate of all property damage exceeds \$50,000.

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